Testimony: House Bill 725, 2020 Legislative Session- Ways and Means 2/13

Asha Subramanian Position: Support

Dear Maryland House of Delegates,

As our daughter just started kindergarten at Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland, we have been learning a lot this year about Maryland's public school systems and specifically, our own. We were shocked to hear that MD Public Schools do not teach handwriting, particularly cursive, to students. Although it is a fact that various forms of technology have taken over, we need to move beyond the requirements of Common Core and teach cursive handwriting. Writing physically has been tied to academic achievement, spelling, reading, note taking and good study skills - years of research documents this fact. More importantly, cursive handwriting is a skill that shouldn't be lost and is still relevant today.

Please consider supporting HB 725.

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